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Senate Confirms Fernando M. Olguin for Central District of California Judgeship

SAN FRANCISCO – The Senate today confirmed President Obama’s nomination of United States Magistrate Judge Fernando M. Olguin to serve as a district judge of the U.S. District Court for the Central District of California. Confirmation came on a voice vote.

Judge Olguin was nominated on May 14, 2012, and had his nomination hearing before the Senate Judiciary Committee on June 27, 2012. He fills a judgeship left vacant when District Judge Jacqueline H. Nguyen was elevated to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

Judge Olguin, 51, has served as a magistrate judge of the U.S. District Court for the Central District of California since 2001. Prior to his appointment to the bench, he engaged in private practice as a partner in the Pasadena law firm of Traber, Voorhees & Olguin, from 1995 to 2001. Previously, Judge Olguin held the position of national director of the Education Program for the Mexican-American Legal Defense and Educational Fund from 1994 to 1995. He served as a trial attorney in the Civil Rights Division of the U.S. Department of Justice from 1991 to 1994.

A native of Los Angeles, California, Judge Olguin received his B.A. in 1985 from Harvard University, where he graduated with honors, and his M.A. and J.D. from the University of California, Berkeley, School of Law, in 1989. Following law school, he clerked for the Honorable Carl A. Muecke of the U.S. District Court for the District of Arizona from 1989 to 1991.

The U.S. District Court for the Central District of California, one of the busiest federal trial courts in the nation, reported 16,438 cases in calendar year 2011. The court is authorized 28 judgeships and currently has one vacancy.

Federal district court judges, appointed under Article III of the Constitution, are nominated by the president, confirmed by the Senate and serve lifetime appointments upon good behavior. Their current annual salary is \$174,000.

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